

### **Abstract of the Disclosure**

A system, apparatus and corresponding method by which to  
synchronize to a time reference a main module of a device--a  
main module such as global positioning system (GPS) receiver--  
5 using a cellular communication signal received by a cellular  
module also included in the device. To synchronize the main  
module to the reference time, the invention provides a method  
including the steps of: having the cellular module respond to  
the cellular communication signal by providing to a clock module  
10 of the main module a trigger pulse derived from the data  
component of the cellular communication signal, and also by  
providing to the main module information relating the trigger  
pulse to a universal time. The main module is then able to  
resolve a value for time based on the information relating the  
15 trigger pulse to a universal time and the trigger pulse.